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Oooooh!

David Mio, a second year law and security student, screams in the icy water at Nickel Beach in Port Colborne during the second annual Polar Bear dip.

Photo by Baaitse Molapo

Honor roll returns to halls of Niagara

The Honor roll will once again be posted in the corridors of Niagara College.

"We'll continue to post the Honor Roll as we have in the past," Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said Wednesday.

Niagara College had posted the Honor Roll until January 1989, when the Freedom of Information and Protection of Individual Privacy Act came into effect. Miss Robarts said the decision not to post the Honor Roll at that time was made to comply with the Act, but the college was looking for a way around the new legislation.

The college has been trying to get information on how the Freedom of Information Act affected students' privacy rights for some time, Miss Robarts said. "We now have enough information to post the Honor Roll."

Ann Houtby, FOI officer for the college, said she would be notifying the vice-president of academics Feb. 21, "putting the wheels in motion," to once again post the Honor Roll.

Because the Honor Roll is considered a tradition at Niagara and has been in place for many years, it is exempted from current legislation through the "past practice and consistent purpose" clause of the Freedom of Information Act, Mrs. Houtby said.

SAC wants fines money

The Student Administrative Council is concerned that parking fines go to the City of Welland instead of to the college.

David Mio, SAC vice-president of external affairs, asked at a SAC meeting last week why the city is getting money for parking violations at the college. College land is private property.

Donna Flutur, SAC office manager, said the college is paying the bylaw officer. "The college should get part of the money so that parking lots can be upgraded and maintained," she said. "I think if we pay $60 a year for parking permits, our fine money should be kept in the college not the city. If the money goes to the city, why are we then paying for permits."

David said if the college is paying the bylaw officer, then it should get the money. He thinks the college is losing. Money from parking fees could go towards the Student Centre.

CAN'T BE DONE

Jack Spittle, director of property and plant services, said the college cannot get the money because of a city bylaw. "All the money obtained goes to the city."

"If the money went to the college there could be an abuse because someone might try to generate dollars for the college through the fines." Mr. Spittle sid ticketing has to be fair and perceived as such.

Although the college is not getting any money from the fines for parking violations, it is benefitting, he said. The bylaw officer maintains law and order.

Peter Cridland, a member of the initial parking committee, said the purpose of having a bylaw officer is not to make money, but to make people aware that they are breaking the law. The idea is to get everyone to comply with the law in order for everybody to have parking.

Enrolment down, tuition up

Niagara's winter term enrolment is 3,015 full-time students, down from 3,275 at the same time last year, John Parrett, college registrar, said.

Total full-time enrolment as of Nov. 1, the audit date, was 3,283, but a total of 349 students withdrew; 252 of these blamed the four-week teachers' strike.

The figure for the start of the winter term is up slightly from the fall term because of January start programs and some returning students, Mr. Parrett said.

As of yesterday, the registrar's office had received 2,607 applications for the fall term beginning in September.

"This is about normal for this stage of applications," Mr. Parrett said. I anticipate that there will be 1,500 more next week by March 1. That is the key date."

Mr. Parrett said applications are to reach his office by March 1. Acceptance letters will be mailed to students on April 12.

Students registering for the fall term will pay seven per cent more because tuition is being increaded from $685 to $740. International students will pay $6,160 compared to $5,075. Mr. Parrett said the tuition increase is parallel to the percentage increase of grants to colleges by the provincial government.

College wants control of bargaining process

Presidents of Ontario's community colleges are unanimously in favor of moving part of the collective bargaining process to the individual colleges.

"College presidents unanimously agreed to recommend to the Minister of Colleges and Universities that collective bargaining be done locally," Jacqueline Robarts, president of Niagara College, said.

Bargaining for all the colleges in Ontario has always been done centrally, Miss Robarts said, but each has its own unique issues.

The decision favoring local bargaining was made at the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario (ACAATO) conference in Ottawa Feb. 7 to 9. Ontario college presidents and Board of Governors members attended.

IN MARCH

College presidents decided they were in favor of a two-tiered bargaining systems which would allow local bargaining. Each of the colleges' Board of Governors is to decide if they are in favor of local bargaining by the end of March.

"A lot of people think a two-tiered system would be better," Miss Robarts said. The first tier, covering categories including salaries and benefit bargaining, would be handled centrally. The

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Danbo looking for stars for first Niagara film

By VIRGIL KLASSEN
Staff Writer

Calling all budding stars of stage and screen: here's your chance. Auditions for Danbo Takes Niagara — a Niagara College third-year film production — will be held Feb. 24 and 26.

Danbo takes Niagara is a musical/black comedy parodying the "Rambo" action genre. "It's Rambo meets the Rocky Horror Picture Show, but we don't have any transvestites or anything," Barry McMann, a third-year film student and Danbo's director, said. "It's so off the wall, it's hard to describe."

There will be two audition sessions for Danbo Takes Niagara. The first will be at Maclean Hunter Cable television station, 45 Wright St., St. Catharines, on Saturday (Feb. 24) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The second will be in the Voyageur building in the Production Planning office on Monday (Feb. 26) from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

20 ROLES

20 roles for ambitious actors and actresses are up for grabs. Many extras are also required. Final cast decisions will be made in the morning of Feb. 28, and a fundraiser for Danbo Takes Niagara will be held that evening at the Temple Club in Welland.

"We'd like people to be able to sing and dance," Barry said. But if people match the character profile, musical ability may be secondary. "We're flexible either way."

Danbo Takes Niagara is a first for Barry and a first for Niagara College. It will be the first full-scale musical produced by Niagara's film students, Barry said.

"I've written all the songs for it," Barry said. "They'll be recorded at a 24-track recording studio here in Welland. We've got a backup band — Chaser, Jerry Salfi's band. They're very accomplished musicians."

Jerry Salfi is in the media services department.

Before coming back to school, Barry played in a number of bands. "I've played in country bands, did the heavy metal thing, did the R&B (ryhthm and blues) — my favorite."

ALL STYLES

"This musical incorporates all the styles. Everything from The Who to Neil Young, with a little country thrown in."

Danbo Takes Niagara is the story of a hostage situation, but it is not intended to glorify violence of any kind, Barry said. "I'm very much against the glorification of war through movies and popular culture."

"I had written this before the Montreal massacre," Barry said..

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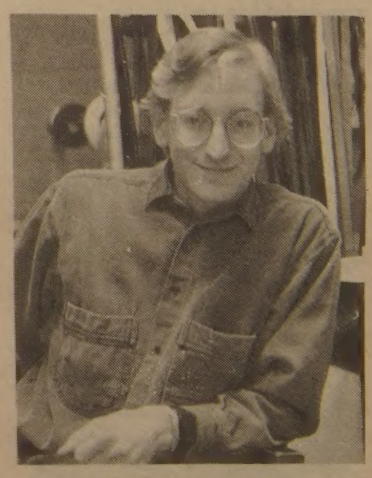

BARRY MCMANN

Corpsuckle trio

Second-year law and security administration students circulate Niagara College in an effort to raise awareness for the Red Cross blood donor clinic. From left to right are: Sue Reid, Brian Lowderman, and Dave Hurd.

Photo by Reno Frado

Donations make it possible

Niagara College charges into gastronomic warfare

By ALLAN BENNER
Staff Writer

The friendly conversation over an excellent meal at the Donors' Dinner at Niagara College's Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls, dealt mostly with the magnificence of the surroundings on Wednesday Feb. 14.

The dinner was prepared and served by students of the apprenticeship advanced program. "They're getting closer to succeeding at their goals," Jacqueline Robarts, president of Niagara College and master of ceremonies said. "We have enjoyed not only the food but the service as well."

The five-course meal, held to honor those who donated to the Niagara College Foundation, included appetizers of goose liver pate, cream of asparagus soup, and sorbet; a main course of roast strip loin of beef with three mushroom sauce, Teresa potatoes, orange glazed carrots and buttered snow peas; and a dessert of ice cream torte followed by tea or coffee.

Presentations were made to most of the donors and a tour of the building ended the evening.

WILL COMPLETE

"When you see the calibre of work that our apprentice students have done tonight it makes you realize how fortunate we are to have a facility like that in this area where, before too long, we can compete with anybody in Toronto and that I think is important," Miss Robarts said. She told the people that any contribution they made regardless of its size "meant a great deal to this college and we hope that you will continue to follow the progress of this centre as it develops into a centre of excellence."

Paul Pion, chairman of the foundation board of directors, said "In 1987 the Ministry of Colleges and Universities introduced a policy permitting colleges to raise funds." This legislation resulted in the creation of the Niagara College Foundation and the creation of the Hospitality and Tourism Centre. "You can see through this project (the building) - this is one of our first projects - the Niagara College Foundation will be an important part of Niagara College meeting it's education goals.

"This is a major and significant event to the economic battles which are about to ensue, and, in hospitality and tourism, our students will be the generals leading the charge."

SPECIAL WINE

A special wine developed by Chateau Des Charmes Wines with the help of Neil McGregor, director of the Hospitality and Tourism Centre, to benefit Niagara College, was served.

Rich Merlino, representative of the White Oaks Inn and Racketball Club in Niagara Falls, said he was impressed by the building his company had helped create.

"The kitchen facilities are incredible; they haven't spared any expense," he said. Other donors described the architecture of the building as "inviting."

Debbie Pratt of Inniskillin Winery said the new building was "a quality facility" and "long overdue."

Sudha Upadhye, a Niagara Falls artist, was contracted to produce plates to represent each of the donors. The plates will be placed in a display case in the building.

AWARDS PLAQUES

Plaques were awarded to each of the donors who contributed $1,000 or more to the foundation. The awards were divided into two main categories, the Founder's category for donations of $10,000 and up, and the Donor's category, which is divided into three subcategories, gold, $9,999 to $5,000; silver, $4,999 to $2,500, and bronze, $2,499 to $1,000. Miss Robarts thanked all other supporters who were not awarded plaques.

"We have reached 75 per cent of our goal which means that in actual donations, cash and pledges, we have made a little over $150,000," she said. With $50,000 left to go to reach the foundation goal, we have a few irons in the fire to make that happen."

"Once you get a chance to see the centre we hope that you'll be as proud of the facility as we are and recognize that we really need a little more money to help us have those things that will really help our students," Miss Robarts said.

Two-hundred tickets are being sold for a Seafood Extraganza to be held at the Victoria Park Inn in Niagara Falls March 9.

St. David's Day in Wales

Holiday traditions leek into America

By ELIZABETH YATES
Staff Writer

If you see people walking with onions on their heads Thursday, March 1, don't think you've gone mad — it's just St David's Day, when Welsh people honor their patron saint by supporting their national symbol.

Actually, it's not onions they're wearing but leeks, large onion-like plants belonging to the lily family. According to Welsh folklore expert Jane Hughes, leeks, daffodils, or any plant "that grows white from the ground and then turns green" are dear to Welshmen. "The daffodil is to Wales what the maple leaf is to Canada."

Leeks are worn in hats in reference to a seventh century battle between Welshmen and Saxons. The Welsh wore the white-bulbed and green-stemmed plant in their caps so that they could recognize one another in the midst of the fray.

Leeks are not associated specifically with St. David, the patron saint of Wales (and of poets), who was not involved in any Welsh battles, Mrs. Hughes said. David, who was born around 520 A.D. of a princely family, was a pacifist monk who refused to fight.

He settled in the southwest corner of Wales, where he established an ascetic order of monks and founded an abbey, at a site now known as St. David's. He later went on to establish several abbeys throughout the country. "Some say David brought Christianity to Wales," Mrs. Hughes said.

Referring to the abbot's habit of drinking only water and eating vegetables and salt, the 16th century poet Michael Drayton wrote:

That reverend British saint to contemplation lives, and did so truly fast
As he did only drink what cristal Hodney yields,
And fed upon the leeks gathered in the fields.
In memory of whom, in each revolving year,
The Welshmen, on his day, that sacred herb do wear.

David was revered by his followers and ruled his diocese until a great age. More than 50 churches in Wales were dedicated in his honor, and St. David's Day, his feast day, is a national holiday.

Mrs. Hughes, who runs a Welsh import business in St. Catharines, said that St. David's Day is not greatly celebrated in the Welsh-speaking parts of Wales. But in the English-speaking areas, children come to school dressed in Welsh costumes, and as knights in armor.

Celebratory meals are eaten, and a "nosson lawn," or merry evening, follows. This is a night of singing and playing music, reciting poetry and telling stories. The Welsh are renowned as an incredibly musical people and their choirs are among the finest in the world - as an old saying goes, "Put two Welshmen together and they form a chorus."

Although no St. David's Day celebrations are planned for the Niagara peninsula, on March 4 there will be a 2 p.m. service at St. Paul's Cathedral in Buffalo, followed by entertainment and Welsh hymn-singing. "A lot of people from this side of the border go to it," Mrs. Hughes said.

In Toronto, a formal dinner and dance at a big hotel is planned, as well as a more informal gathering called a "Dewi" dinner. "Dewi Saint" is Welsh for St. David's, and the dinner is held at the Dewi Sant Welsh United Church.

The all-male St. David's Society of Philadelphia, which Mrs. Hughes said is the oldest ethnic society in North America, holds an extremely formal full-dress dinner on March 1. (Spouses are allowed to enter the club on this occassion.)

So, if you see people wearing a large green vegetable or a yellow flower on Thursday, wish them a happy "Dewi Sant" day, and ask them if they have any special plans for a "nosson lawn."

No, the Niagara News has not become a gardening catalogue — this leek is the national symbol of Wales, and is worn by Welshmen all over the world on March 1, the feast day of their patron saint, David. Welsh people who turn up their noses at such a fragrant tribute can wear a daffodil, a more pleasant-smelling reminder of their homeland.

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Wish you were here

Suppose they gave a farewell party...and the guests of honor had already left. The cake that Valerie Grabove (upper right), Cathy Weir — who made the cake — and Tom Bowes are sharing was intended for Brian Green and Keith Lindberg's sendoff to Changsha, China, last Friday, but the school closing postponed the party until Monday. When they finally got around to holding the party on Monday morning, Mr. Green and Mr. Lindberg were just leaving the Toronto airport on their trip to China. (Rumor has it they had to make an unscheduled stop for fuel along the way!) What does the cake (inset top) say? "See you soon, Brian and Keith."

Photo by Virgil Klassen

Some have them, some do not some still giving thought

By BRUCE CULP
Staff Writer

The decision to ban an honor roll at any college is a "tough call" and up to interpretation, Paul Mooradian, Freedom of Information co-ordinator from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, said.

"The law protects the one, not the other hundred," he said. If all names have to be taken down to protect one person on the list, that would have to be the cost.

Of five colleges surveyed this week by the Niagara News, two have not posted their honor rolls, two still do (Humber and Durham) and one is still in a period of transition (Loyalist).

The furor over Niagara's Honor Roll began several weeks ago when the Honor Roll was not going to be posted because it did not comply with a student's privacy as outlined by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Individual Privacy Act.

The Act allows each school to make its own interpretation of the new statute. Interpretation throughout Ontario colleges has been different.

FOR INSTANCE

"We arranged some time ago to discontinue it," Ray Heath, FOI co-ordinator for Mohawk College, said. "Our experience was honor rolls were no longer published." He said the honor roll at the Hamilton college has remained vacant since January of 1989 when the college accepted the terms of the act.

Ian Kennedy, FOI co-ordinator for Fanshawe College, echoed the same concern. "We would require a student's permission before we could put his (her) name on the dean's honor list." He said Fanshawe College does not publish any private information that is accessible to the public. Fanshawe's honor roll was taken down last year.

The honor roll at Humber College has not come under the same scrutiny. "It hasn't arisen as an issue at Humber," Carol Boettcher, director of Human Resources, said. The honor roll at her college is still posted.

AT DURHAM

"We still have a Dean's Honor List and it is still published at Durham College," Don Sinclair, Freedom of information co-ordinator from the college, said. Durham will continue to post its honor roll with the students' names on it.

"I don't think the Dean's List is an intrusion of a person's privacy," he said. "It depends on how you interpret it." He said the decision was up to local interpretation at all Ontario colleges.

"There was no directive from the ministry down onto the colleges," Mr. Sinclair said.

AT LOYALIST

But at Loyalist College, the honor roll is in a process of change. "I would say we are in the transition period," Freedom of Information co-ordinator Ron Boyce said. "We have not ripped the honor roll off the walls."

Mr. Boyce thinks Loyalist College will come up with a resolution without difficulty fairly soon. He is in favor of an approach allowing students to sign a release at registration. By getting a student's consent at the beginning of the year, Mr. Boyce feels his college can still post its honor roll in the future.

All provincial government agencies came under the act by Jan. 1, 1989. Since all colleges are funded by the Ontario government, the government has phased the act into its agencies.

Mr. Mooradian said Ontario universities are exempt. "It doesn't affect Brock," Lou Ariano, a Brock spokesman, said. Since the university is an autonomous institution, and partially privately funded, it does not have to accept the terms of the act.

Mr. Mooradian said many other institutions such as hospitals, banks and insurance companies do not recognize the act.

Right now, schools are not bound by it, but will be next year.

Mr. Mooradian believes it is important to look at the act as protecting an individual's privacy, rather than creating a nuisance. He feels the law protects everyone's privacy even although, in some cases, it seems excessive.

BE LIABLE

A college should be liable for printing a person's name on an honor roll without a person's consent, he said. In matters where there has been a disclosure of private information, Mr. Mooradian said an individual can contact Sidney Linden, the Freedom of Information and Protection of Individual Privacy Commissioner for Ontario. Mr. Linden has a right of arbitration to make a binding decision.

Mr. Mooradian said section 21 3-d of the new act states that "A disclosure of personal information is presumed to constitute an unjustified invasion of personal privacy where the personal information relates to employment or educational history."

Ads for president go into newspapers

The presidential search committee has reached the stage of advertising for the next president of Niagara College, Foster Zanutto, a search committee member, said Wednesday.

The first advertisement appeared in the Globe and Mail's Report on Business this week, and the same ad will appear in the St. Catharines Standard, the Niagara Falls Review, and the Welland Tribune tomorrow.

At its Feb. 12 meeting, the committee went over the advertisement and the presidential search consultants, George Enns Partners Inc., reviewed the presidential profile, which was used to make up the ad.

"The search consultants were very appreciative of all the input they received," Mr. Zanutto said. The consultants received comments on what kind of president Niagara needs from the college community and from other local groups.

George Enns Partners Inc. was hired by the presidential search committee to conduct a country-wide search for suitable presidential candidates. In addition to the newspaper ads, the consultants will be searching their own files, looking for suitable candidates.

The committee will begin looking at lists of candidates at its next meeting Feb. 26, Mr. Zanutto said. Once a short list has been established, the committee will interview them and reommend the best ones to the Board of Governors, which will make the final choice.

"We're on track and confident that we'll have a presidential appointment in May, effective Sept. 1."

Bingo effective in raising money

By ALISON OLSEN
Staff Writer

SAC may have latched on to a real money maker if Welland city council approves their application for a provincial licence to operate a bingo.

Pat High, special events co-ordinator for the Niagara Falls youth hostel and CARSA, said that though profits vary, she recommends bingo as "an effective way of fundraising that requires very little effort and time."

Speaking from experience as the representative of two charitable organizations, Ms. High said. "The more funds a worthy organization earns at a bingo, the less they have to ask the city for."

If the customer spends an average of $20 per night, SAC stands to make about $1,000 to $2,000, depending on the size of the crowd.

Bingos are governed under section 190(1)(b) of the Criminal Code of Canada and the Order-in-Council 274/70 of the province of Ontario.

FOR CHARITY

The Criminal Code states in part, "charitable or religious organizations" can conduct certain lotteries under a provincial licence provided all "proceeds" are used for a charitable or religious object or purpose.

Order-in-Council 274/70 defines "charitable object or purpose" to be any object or purpose for: the relief of poverty, education, the advancement of religion or any purpose beneficial to the community." So, SAC stands a good chance of having their application for a licence approved.

"Each municipality interprets the definition of charity to suit their own needs," Rick Carpenter said.

Mr. Carpenter, general manager of Arglad Electronic Bingo, Golden Nugget Bingo, Kingston Bingo Palace and the Silver Nugget Bingo, said high schools can operate a bingo because they are an educational institute. Profits may be used to buy books or equipment, but not for a high school graduation party.

"Bingo takes away from knocking on doors or selling tickets to raise money," Mr. Carpenter said. "Customers in bingo are there because they want to be."

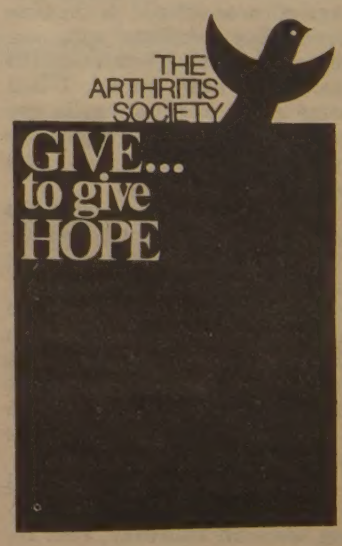
Bingo operations are administered through licensing in each province. In turn, the province has each municipality handle all the licensing up to prizes of $3,500. This means that with municipally-licensed bingos, the total amount of all prizes offered in one game cannot exceed $3,500. If the total net proceeds from a bingo are more than 15 per cent of the gross receipts, the organization will lose their licence.

NOT RICH

"No one person gets rich from running a bingo," Ms. High said. Honorarium expenses vary from municipality to municipality depending on rental agreements. At least 12 people, including runners and a verifier, are needed to operate the bingo successfully.

Bingos in Niagara Falls, Welland and Fort Erie are excellent money-makers because they are border towns. In the United States, tax has to be paid on any prizes over $600. Americans flock to Canada to play bingo and Canada benefits from it. This form of Free Trade helps many needy organizations raise funds.

"Bingo is a consistent money-maker. It is one of the best ways to raise money," Mr. Carpenter said.



Editorials

Marxism no more ...

Party monopoly ends

Last week Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev surprised the world again by pulling another rabbit from a hat. In one intrepid stroke, the patriarch of the proletariat ended the one-party rule of the communist party in his country, a monopoly that has been around as long as comrades guzzled vodka and cadres broke black bread in honor of Lenin.

In simple terms, it is on the scale of Canada casting aside its BNA Act, or the United States dumping its 200-year-old constitution. The Pope denying that Jesus Christ had died on the cross would be a closer comparison.

If anything, comrade Gorbachev's decision sheds light on the failure of Marxism-Leninism as bright and as glaring as the Russian aurora borealis. In essence, it proves that dialectical materialism was always dialectical foolishism.

It's a miracle on the order of the loaves and fishes that this dubious doctrine has been around for so long. For decades people had to stand in two-hour queues to get a scrap of sausage or a sliver of cheese. Even Karl Marx could find a humble apartment in London during his lean years, a privilege unknown to many Muscovites since the revolution.

But why the change now?

Comrade Gorbachev may be experiencing the same doubts an Italian communist put into words in the late 1920s. Wrote Antonio Gramsci: "How many times have I wondered if it is really possible to forge links with a mass of people when one has never had strong feelings for anyone, not even one's own parents?" A cry heard on the wind today is "Realists of the world unite!"

Bruce Culp

Struggle continues,

Mandela tells supporters

In his first speech a few hours after leaving prison walls and after more than 27 years of forced silence, Nelson Mandela made it clear to thousands of joyful and jubilant supporters that his organization, the African National Congress, will "continue the armed struggle" against the South African government as long as the evils of apartheid still prevail in that country.

It seems however, that the notion of continuing the armed struggle has produced criticism and mixed feelings from some people who really don't understand the situation in South Africa. We as onlookers are free to make criticism and suggestions, but we must understand that the South African people involved in the struggle against apartheid know better than we do because they are the ones who have endured the suffering for a long time.

The armed struggle is an act of sabotage against the Pretoria racist regime which has for so long oppressed black people, ruthlessly killed and imprisoned those who oppose it, including the innocent. Mandela said ANC is willing to suspend the armed struggle provided the government lifts the state of emergency; frees all political prisoners; removes troops from black townships and starts negotiations that will focus on the future of all South Africans regardless of their color.

Fortunately South African president F.W. de Klerk has proved to be different from his predecessors. Since coming into power he has made significant changes such as freeing jailed African leaders and unbanning the ANC. It is hoped that Mr. de Klerk will continue to move positively towards the establishment of democracy in South Africa and won't be intimidated by radical groups.

Maria Pule

Letters to the editor

Good coverage, Lisa

Dear Lisa Choma:

I would not only like to thank you for your recent article — Feb. 16 — Strict Enforcement: Evaluation for a few bad apples, — but compliment you on the depth, accuracy and completeness of coverage. Your article correctly emphasized the positive aspects of our subcommittee's findings and will certainly ease any concerns that may have been harbored by some faculty.

Again congratulations on a job well done.

Pat Delaney
Sub Committee Chairman
Teacher Performance Evaluation

Student complains

Dear Editor:

As a first-year student, I have, thus far, been disappointed in the services provided to the students. We are forced to pay fees for facilities that are not available; we don't have the time to take advantage of those offered, or the time availability conflicts with our schedule. Although most of the staff have been helpful, I find some of the staff unfriendly and none who are willing to enforce the rules set out by the administration.

I would like to know what the $40 parking fee is being used for. It certainy isn't being spent on snow removal! So far this winter, every time it has snowed, the lots have not been plowed until late in the day. To accommodate all the cars using the lots, lots should be cleared of snow before cars are parked in the way of the plow: before 8 a.m.

I was not pleased when I found my car stuck in an unplowed parking space on Thursday, Feb. 15. The $40 charge per car should more than cover the expense of a dependable snow removal service. A person should not have to pay towing charges because the snow was not cleared from the lot.

Teachers walk by the smokers in the doorways and say nothing, leaving it up to peers to say something to their fellow students. We have no authority to tell people what to do, and when we do take the responsibility into our own hands, we put ourselves in jeopardy of being pounced upon. Staff personnel have the authority, but don't use it. They walk past the smokers and say nothing. They don't want the responsibility either. A rule isn't a rule unless it is enforced.

I will try to survive the next 1½ years in this air-polluted environment where students are no more than funding units. I am hopeful that I will leave the school with a diploma — in spite of the system.

Diane Foster

Ice magic

Crystalline trees grow from silver-plated earth as the destructive storm of last week left much of the world transformed into a magical land. These trees at Niagara College's Welland campus are no exception.

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FOCUS

Fun, safe, exciting

Jet Skis make splash in Canada

By VIRGIL KLASSEN
Staff Writer

When spring returns and moves on toward summer, they begin to appear on lakes across the land. They zip over the water, bearing happy riders away from the beaches and out to where the fun begins.

At first they seem to be some sort of snowmobile, or maybe some new form of motorcycle, out there on the water, but they're neither – these machines are Jet Skis, and the people riding them are part of one of the fastest growing water sports in the world.

Jet Skis are a new phenomenon in these parts. Only in the past few summers have these vehicles started to show up on Canadian lakes. Smaller than the smallest boat, yet quicker and more agile than most conventional watercraft, Jet Skis are the latest in summer fun.

The Jet Skis are high and dry on this wintry day in February, just waiting for the warm weather of spring. Kevin Honsberger, President of Circuit Cycle and Watersports, is seen here in front of a row of new Jet Skis at his shop in St. Catharines. He's also waiting — impatiently — for the warm weather, so he can hit the beach for another fun summer of Jet Skiing.

Photo by Virgil Klassen

Kawasaki

Jet Ski is more than an appropriate way to describe what these machines do – it's the trade name for the original and most popular personal watercraft. Manufactured in Lincoln, Neb., by Kawasaki Motors, Jet Skis have become synonymous with personal watercraft, even though other manufacturers have cashed in on the Jet Ski boom by building personal watercraft of their own.

The Jet Ski concept came from a frustrated motorcycle racer in California. Clayton Jacobson was an accomplished motorcycle competitor during the 1960s, but he was getting tired of falling off his motorcycle and getting hurt. After one too many crashes, Mr. Jacobson began to envisage a machine that would provide all the high-speed thrills of a motorcycle, without the painful crashes and dangerous injuries.

Mr. Jacobson developed this vision into reality over a 10-year period. After many prototypes, he sold the idea to Kawasaki, who began to manufacture the Jet Ski in the early 1970s.

Common

Jet Skis are constructed of fiberglass and plastic, and are powered by motors similar to those in snowmobiles. They are designed to operate solely in the water.

Only a few people discovered Kawasaki's Jet Ski in the early years. It was not until the mid-1980s that Jet Skiing became popular.

In the last few years, Jet Skis have become common sights on the lakes, especially in the United States. In areas along the Colorado River in Arizona and California, there are thousands of them. Besides pure recreational use – the most common Jet Ski activity – competition events of all sorts have sprung up.

In Canada, the Jet Ski has just begun to become popular. On summer days, they can be seen at most busy beaches throughout the land. In St. Catharines, Jet Skis are a common sight off the beaches of Lake Ontario. And chances are pretty fair that one of the people riding a Jet Ski on a summer evening out on Lake Ontario will be Kevin Honsberger.

Kevin caught the Jet Ski "bug" a few years ago, and he's since turned his Jet Ski hobby into a business. The summer of 1990 will mark Kevin's third year in business at Circuit Cycle and Watersports, selling motorcycles and Jet Skis.

Kevin said he was turned on to Jet Skis about three years ago by a friend who let him take one for a ride. Up until that time, Kevin had raced motocross, a form of off-road motorcycle competition. He discovered that Jet Skiing was a lot of fun, and even better, it was much safer.

Go crazy

"Jet Skis are the kinda thing where you can go as crazy as you want, and you don't get hurt," Kevin said. "And I sure was hurt with the bikes a few times."

There are many similarities between motorcycles and Jet Skis, but Jet Skiing "is a more physical thing," Kevin said.

Like learning to ride a motorcycle, learning to ride a Jet Ski takes a certain amount of skill and proper instruction. "It takes a knack – it's a balance-type thing... like slalom waterskiing."

Women usally get the hang of Jet Skiing quicker than men do, Kevin said. "Maybe they have a better sense of balance."

Riding a Jet Ski does not take much in the way of special equipment. Kevin recommends that the rider wear an old pair of running shoes and an approved life jacket – and his favorite bathing suit, of course.

Learning to ride a Jet Ski usually involves falling off a Jet Ski at least a few times, but that's not so bad. Unlike a motorboat, Jet Skis have no propellers to cut a person. They are moved forward by a jet drive pump, which is safe and allows the vehicle to navigate in shallow water. If a person falls off a Jet Ski, the machine will throttle back to a slow speed and circle back around to the rider.

Jet Ski riders are "outdoorsy sort of people," Kevin said. "They're young at heart. Partiers like them (Jet Skis) a lot." Many Jet Skiers are converted windsurfers, he said.

Like Kevin and Clayton Jacbson, the inventor of the Jet Ski, a fair number of Jet Skiers are former motorcycle riders. When the weather turns warm, Kevin will once again put away his motorcycles and head for the open water. There he'll join the growing numbers of Jet Skiers across this land.

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Pay equity legislation will lessen wage gap

By ELIZABETH YATES
Staff Writer

Ontario's pay equity legislation will lessen the large wage gap between traditional male and female occupations, which statistics show is largely due to underevaluation of women's work.

Janice Rooney, Ontario Pay Equity Commission education officer, said that there is a 36-percent wage gap between jobs traditionally done by men and jobs traditionally done by women; underevaluation of women's work is responsible for one-quarter to one-third of this gap.

Mrs. Rooney was addressing about 25 local business people at a pay equity conference at the Viscount Hotel, Niagara Falls, Feb. 14. Mrs. Rooney was introduced to the conference by Joan Warbis, a Niagara College continuing education development officer. The conference was part of a pay equity training program delivered jointly by the commission and Ontario's 22 community colleges.

Bewildering

Pay equity is seen as a somewhat bewildering process by the public, and such conferences are being held to show that "it can be done. The procedure can be demystified, and it is do-able," Mrs. Rooney said.

The Pay Equity Act of 1987 requires Ontario employers to place values on jobs within their organizations. This will enable them to achieve equal pay for work of equal value, specifically, for female job classes relative to male job classes.

Mrs. Rooney likened this process to comparing apples with oranges. Although they are not the same, these fruits share similar features such as skin, juice, and seeds, which can be compared in quantitative terms.

Analysis

Employers must do a step-by-step analysis of all jobs within their organizations, considering them in terms of the amount of skill, effort, level of responsibility and working conditions required by each. The values of these four factors are to be combined for a total value, allowing the sum totals for different jobs to be compared. For example, the value of a secretarial job might be 74 units, the value of a shipping clerk, 72. Accordingly, people working at these jobs should be paid an equitable wage.

"Emotions can run high and so can expectations," Mrs. Rooney said. She recommends a well thought out plan of communication, with good and equal dialogue between employees and employers.

The 1987 pay equity legislation differs from a 1951 Ontario law which required equal pay for work of equal value. That law focused on the disparity in wages between men and women doing the same work. In contrast, the underlying theory of pay equity is genderless, Mrs. Rooney said. "There may even be female inequalities which need to be addressed."

Mrs. Rooney described three factors which result in underevaluation of women's work:

First, the traditional occupational segregation of women into only about 10 occupations, while men work in more than 500 different fields.

Secondly, the family wage concept: although women are now significant contributors to family income, they are still seen as working for "pin money".

And, thirdly, outdated attitudes — people think that skills such as dealing with people under stress and lifting sick or injured people are inherent to women.

Pay equity should be viewed favorable by all members of the workforce. Aside from the obvious benefits for employees, this legislation, if fairly enacted, "will attract skilled personnel in an increasingly competitive workforce," Mrs. Rooney said.

Deadline

"If pay equity is not carried out openly, if it is done secretly with little or no evidence of an attempt to include everyone affected by it, misunderstanding, or at worst, suspicion and cynicism will be the result," she said.

The deadline for posting public sector pay equity plans was Jan. 1, 1990. For the private sector, the date varies according to the number of employees within the organization, and the deadline is extended for organizations with a low number of employees.

Employees or other people with complaints about pay equity enactment may go to the commission, who will assign a review officer to the case. Although substantial fines may be levied by a court against those failing to comply, employers will be given ample opportunity to fulfil the pay equity mandates. The deadlines for compliance will not be extended, according to Mrs. Rooney.

Ontario leads world in pay equity legislation

Ontario's pay equity legislation made the front page of the New York Times as the most advanced type of legislation of its kind in the world, Brigid O'Reilly, Ontario Pay Equity Commissioner, said.

In remarks read to a pay equity conference last Wednesday by her colleague, Janice Rooney, Ms. O'Reilly said Ontario is leading the world in this new employment practice. It is the first such legislation to cover the private as well as the public sector.

Ms. O'Reilly said that although pay equity is now viewed with trepidation by many, within time it will be taken for granted like other employment practices such as unemployment insurance and workers' compensation benefits. Because Ontario is a leader in pay equity implementation, "We can define the issue in our own terms, and can make significant contributions to designing the workplaces of the future."

Ice storm freezes activity at Niagara

Area power failure closes college Friday

The power situation was the main reason for closing Niagara College last Friday.

Closing the college is a collective decision by the college's senior management, but the power situation was the deciding factor Feb. 16, college president Jacqueline Robarts said.

The college was without power during the night. "We called Hydro, and they couldn't guarantee power during the day," she said.

The decision to close the college was made at 7 a.m., Miss Robarts said, and the radio stations were notified at that time.

KEEPING TRACK

Miss Robarts said she was up at 5 a.m., keeping track of the winter storm which was raging through Niagara. All schools in the peninsula except Brock University had been closed.

In a school-closing situation, Miss Robarts said she talks to senior management in Welland and St. Catharines, and they confer on all the available information about the storm.

By the time the decision to close the school had been made, buses had already left for the college. Students on the buses were notified of the college closing when they arrived at school, and they were sent home again.

Other students also arrived at the college for early classes, only to find that the school was closed for the day.

In a school-closing situation, "You're damned if you do, and you're damned if you don't," Miss Robarts said, but she feels that the closing was justified because of all the problems the weather caused.

It took heavy machinery to remove the frozen solid snow which fell last week.
Photo by Bome Matshaba

'I'll be careful'

Student defies storm

By LISA CHOMA
Staff Writer

Good morning, Niagara!

I awoke at 5:30 a.m. to the sound of a strange, howling wind and tinkling of ice falling from the roof. Oh, Nooooooooo!

I turned on the radio, but news reports of treacherous highway conditions along Highway 406 did little to deter me from getting to school on time the morning of the great ice storm. "If it's not an emergency, stay home," they said.

"I've seen worse," I thought.

I showered, dressed, and listened to notices of school closings being continuously repeated. There were reports of cars littered on off-ramps, and accidents, and cars in ditches everywhere.

"I'll be careful," I told myself.

I inched across the driveway over what looked to be highly polished glass, got into my car, and started to drive.

I bravely dodged piles of slush en route, and manoeuvred, (just barely), my little white VW bunny over patches of black ice, (and somehow), made it to the newsroom. It was Thursday; it was paste-up day; and somehow, the Niagara News had to be completed.

Many students didn't bother; others simply didn't show up. For the ones who did, many classes were cancelled. There were a lot of empty spaces in the parking lot. All of the lots were snowbound.

By the time I had reached the door to the Simcoe building, it had begun to hail.

I left the building shortly after 12:30. It took almost an eternity to scrape the glaciers from my car windows. It was still raining. And freezing. I should have known it was going to be the beginning of a bad afternoon when my car wouldn't move from the tracks of snow it was frozen in. As quick as bunnies are, my car wouldn't move.

A thoughtful student helped push the car out. I was on my way home.

The 406 was partially cleared, but still the ice shadowed and clumped over the highway's surface.

Nearing the Glendale Avenue cutoff, I signalled to change lanes. My car began hydroplaning, and all I could see was a guardrail, and a huge embankment. I reeled left, and started spinning. Over four lanes of traffic, my car spun, so fast that I was oblivious to oncoming traffic. There wasn't time to panic, to curse, or pray; another guardrail was coming at me. I shut off the engine, and the car came to an abrupt stop only inches before the guardrail, but facing oncoming traffic. "If they can't stop, I'm dead," I thought

They stopped

I started the car, my foot shaking uncontrollably against the clutch. I turned around and went down the ramp I had tried to go down only moments before.

The rest of the drive was hellish. Even at 20 km I felt as though I was sliding again.

On Friday morning, I didn't think twice about staying inside.

A tree lies split under the weight of ice encrusted on its boughs — the results of last week's storm that cancelled classes at Niagara College's Welland Campus.
Photo by Allan Benner

OSAP strike assistance deadline extended to Feb. 28 by ministry

The OSAP strike assistance deadline has been extended — yet again.

The date now set by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities is Feb. 28.

A note from the ministry announcing the new deadline arrived along with the additional assistance forms, Kathy Borisenko, acting financial aid officer for Niagara College, said. The financial office had earlier been notified by the ministry that there definately would be no extensions of the Feb. 16 deadline, Mrs. Borisenko said.

The office had asked about possible extensions, but the ministry said it would only consider doing so if things got bad, Mrs. Borisenko said.

Strike assistance forms are available at the office. Students seeking aid for the extended academic year must go to the office and request that the additional assistance forms be filled out.

Students eligible for Ontario Student Assistance Program strike assistance will be assessed on their additional expenses in four categories, including personal living expenses and local transportation expenses. These will be calculated for a two-week period — the total length of time the academic year has been extended — not the four-week period of strike.

Polar Bear dip; great time despite cold weather

Icy rain did not stop Deanna Sisley from taking a dip at the Nickle Beach in Port Colborne . Her legs were cut by the ice, and another student is offering her something to sooth the pain .

Water splashes as dippers dive into the surf near Nickel Beach during this year's annual Polar Bear Dip. Some students chose this deep dark unfrozen spot to swim in rather than the lake where the other polar bears broke through the ice to sit and splash each other in six inches of water.

Photo by Allan Benner

Niagara Polar Bears invade Nickel Beach

By ALLAN BENNER
Staff Writer

Freezing rain and frigid temperatures did not keep the Polar Bears from dipping at Nickle Beach, Port Colborne, last Thursday.

David Moi, SAC vice-president of external affairs, led the group of eager polar bears out on to the shaky ice of Lake Erie wearing a T-shirt with "I am a Polar Bear" inscribed on it, a pair of brightly colored shorts, running shoes and a baseball cap. He fell through the ice and sank to the sandy bottom, about six inches deep, with a shout of triumphant glee.

"Come on in, the water's great," he shouted; three other students charged into the icy water and sat in it, splashing and shouting.

After returning to the unbroken ice, where the timid waited, they remarked, dripping with water and huddling in blankets, that they were not even cold. David said he was "hung over so it felt pretty good. It was refreshing."

Another group of students were quite brave in that they challenged the murky depths of a pool, or more of a cesspool (A chemical waste outlet from the nearby Inco Steel factory). The water there never seems to freeze in the winter (for some strange and unexplainable reason) and it is much deeper than the part of the beach where the others braved the elements.

Five students dived into the black waters at the count of three and stayed there for a few minutes splashing and shouting as the toxic mud at the pool's bottom oozed around their feet.

Regardless of the frozen water and cesspool, everyone enjoyed the day at the beach. Anthony Notte, SAC vice-president of social affairs, organized the outing. He arranged to borrow a Niagara College van from the receiving department for students without transportation to the beach.

Big Brothers receive $957 donation

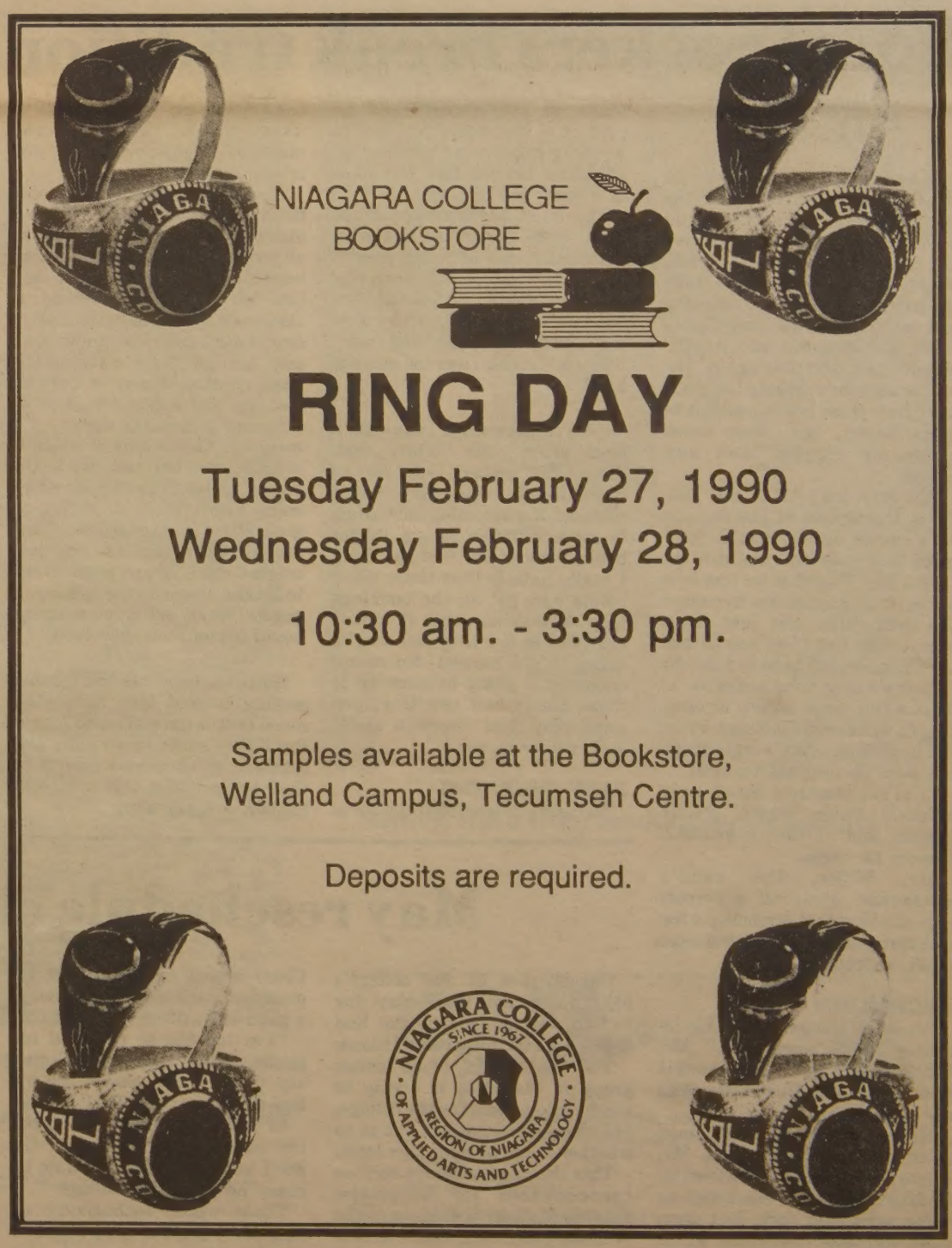
Educational Resources and Special Needs students raised $957 for Big Brothers after one of the teams placed first in Bowl for Millions bowling tournament on Feb. 10.

Wednesday afternoon, the ERSN students presented Greg Whelan of Welland Big Brothers the pledges of $957 and in turn, he presented them with a certificate of recognition acknowledging their support over the years.

Mr. Whelan, said Niagara College's ERSN students have always entered more teams for the tournament than any other organization. This year's participants formed five team; last year there were six.

The students raised pledges "above and beyond the entrance fee," Mr. Whelan said. The fee was $125 per team and Mr. Whelan said they raised in excess of $1,400 over the last two years.

The tournament was held at both alleys in Welland, Bowlerama and East Side Lanes.



Entertainment

St. Catharines based band Pett, keeps ahead of the competition by focusing on original material. While other bands falter due to lack of original songs, Pett continues to surge forward in their quest for success. Relative newcomers to the music scene, they have already gained respect from fans and musicians alike via their live performances and powerful songs. This band is a must for all hard rock fans. Band members, from left to right, are: John Beattie, Chris White, Dan Parker, and Brian Holtom.

No compromise

Local rockers break tradition

By RINO FRADO
Staff Writer

If one word could best sum up the Ontario bar circuit over the last few years, stagnation would be it. Rather than be innovative and create their own niche, bands of late have instead opted to take the tried and true route, resulting in a sea of bands who mercilessly cover Led Zeppelin and AC/DC classics over and over again. The bar owner who's making the quick buck from these bands couldn't be more happy, but these cover bands are digging their own graves.

But fear not. All is not lost. From the bowels of the Ontario club circuit comes Pett, a four-piece hard rock unit based in St. Catharines. Together for just over a year, this quartet has bypassed the tired cliche that just about every other band has succumbed to. The norm has been to tour the circuit playing cover songs for at least a few years before attempting to write original songs. From the beginning, Pett's main focus has been on original material.

"I'm not exactly a fan of cover bands," Chris White, Pett's bassist, said. "I don't have much respect for them."

Mr. White, the band's songwriter, gives off a certain vibe, the kind that screams professionalism, street smarts, and most of all, attitude.

ANGERS HIM

"A lot of things about this industry really anger me," Mr. White said. "But I can channel that anger and frustration into my songwriting."

Having written about 30 songs since the band's inception, Mr. White has come under fire from individuals who view his lyrics as being somewhat dark. But upon close scrutiny, the lyrics, which touch on everything from the politics of the music industry to a young prostitute throwing her life away, are not dark, but simply a reflection of reality.

The band has recorded three demo tapes during the last year, the most recent of which proved to be much more costly than was first anticipated. Although few bands have gained wealth by playing clubs, Pett has had more financial trouble than the average band.

"We're between a rock and a hard place," Mr. White said. "Since bar owners only like to book bands who play cover material, it's becoming increasingly more difficult for us to get booked anywhere. And the thing I really hate is that these cover bands who get all the bookings may be making a bit of money now, but in the long run they're going to get burned. No record company is going to come up to these bands and say,'Hey, you guys play Led Zeppelin really well, you're signed.' "

KEEP CHURNING

Refusing to give into the cover band syndrome, Pett has stuck to its guns and, like a well-oiled machine, keep churning out originals.

Their music is somewhat difficult to categorize. They have a distinctive sound which is not at all reminiscent of other Canadian bands. The only band that they can be slightly likened to is Badlands. Pett is composed of four individuals who know their way around their instruments. Their rhythm section is truly incredible, and makes for some interesting grooves in their material. This is a band which is totally unconcerned with the usual pretentious hype which some bands seem to thrive on generating for themselves. They are strongly focused on their original material and much prefer to let the music do the talking. If poseur bands are to your liking, you'd better look elsewhere.

Since the band has had trouble getting booked into clubs, the name Pett is unfamiliar to many. But if they stick to their guns, and continue to show real smarts in their songwriting, this band will happen in a big way.

SAC trip to Wrestle mania

Students who love wrestling will have another chance to go to watch their favorites in Toronto.

Marc Segouin, Student Administrative Council vice-president of athletics, said some students are interested in going to the Skydome to watch wrestling. The trip will cost about $40 per person. About 45 people are needed to make the trip a success.

Those who want to go to the Skydome to see Wrestle Mania have until next week Wednesday to sign up at the SAC office.

Karl Anselsetter, SAC executive vice-president, said signs should be put up advertising the trip.

Donna Flutur, SAC office manager, said students who sign up will be required to pay a $5 deposit which will only be refundable if the trip fails.

Last time a wrestling trip was not successful because too few people signed up. Marc said this time people should sign up for the trip because it is a main event.

Losier art exhibit portrays suffering

By ALLAN BENNER
Staff Writer

The self-imposed suffering of athletic training is portrayed through Claudette Losier's exhibition at Hennepin Art Gallery from Feb.2 to Feb. 24.

"They could be athletes but then they could be ordinary people in some kind of emotional turmoil," Miss Losier told Niagara News at the opening last Friday.

Miss Losier, 26, received a Bachelor of Fine Arts, Visual Arts degree, from Brock University. She has adopted athletics as the theme for her art because of her deep affiliation with sports.

Two series of her works, Charting Memory, and the Performer, are included in the display.

Charting Memory is a series of paintings she describes as being like a totem pole. "I start with an extreme emotion of the bottom and work my way through different levels of the act, and then the top one would be the happy one." The top picture (because of a lack of space in the gallery the top two pictures were displayed on either side of the rest) was "taken from a photograph of Florence Griffith-Joyner, the runner, and it's supposed to be one of ecstasy, sort of a runner's high," Miss Losier said.

The Performer series is "more of one singular woman sort of working out through the series, working out like a performer. In some ways it could be myself because I enjoy sports but also it deals with the struggle through life and that's what I'm trying to get through in those works."

All of her paintings in the exhibit except the Charting Memory series exclude the faces of the subjects.

"My interest lies more in the body than in faces and that's why you don't see the face. If I'm drawing a body, I'm going to concentrate on that; if I'm drawing a face it's going to be a portrait."

All but two of the 22 paintings are done in the medium of chalk pastel and vaseline. One untitled painting, which was done on commission and is not for sale, uses graphite, color crayons and vaseline, and the other, Sacrifice, a much larger picture, is done with chalk pastel, vaseline and shellac. "I'm better known for doing larger works," she said.

The prices of the pictures range between $200 each for most of the works and $800 for Sacrifice.

Miss Losier's unique style "comes naturally" to her. Her paintings deal "with realism but in a distorted fashion. My lines are very flowing and distorted."

Even without faces, the physical exertion and pain of the athletes her works portray are evident. She attributes this to the use of lines and colors such as with the rope in the Performer series. To the viewer, it is obviously the result of immense talent.

May reschedule clinic

Cancellation of the college's blood donor clinic last Friday, due to bad weather, means the Red Cross is short 300 pints of blood.

The Red Cross blood donor group in Hamilton is trying to reschedule a clinic for the college, but there is no word as yet as to whether it can be done this term.

This shortage will have serious consequences for hospitals, Eugene Maltais, president of the Welland Red Cross, said. The Red Cross counts on the college for donations because there is always a good turnout at our clinics.

"I'm too big to cry, and too smart to kick a chair, so I'll just say that I deeply regret the college clinic was cancelled," he said.

"I feel particularly bad about the cancellation because of the hard work put into the clinic by many people at the college."

Those whose enthusiastic efforts were frustrated by Friday's storm include: Jan Potton and her crew of law and security students; educational resources and special needs students, and Pat Frank; Shirley Bordynuik and health record and medical transcriptionists; Carmel Constantini, who worked with program coordinators to publicize the Corpsuckle Cup competition; and support staff, with Duncan McDuff.

Fine showing at Winter Carnival

By BAAITSE MOLAPO
Staff Writer

More than 300 students took part in this year's Wintercourse competitions, which cost about $1,500.

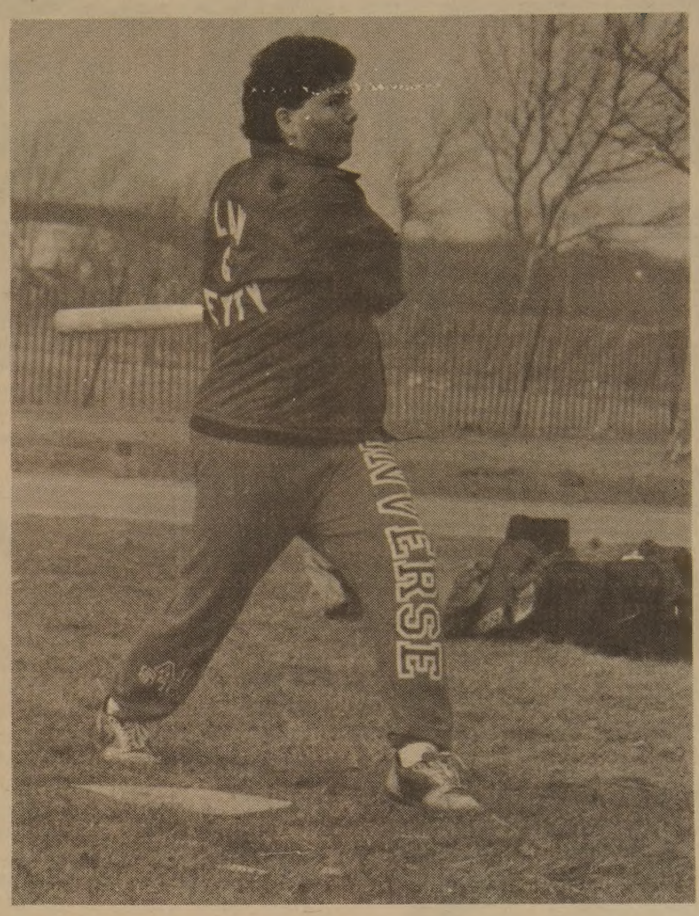
Marc Sigouin, vice-president of athletics, said overall this year's competitions were a big success. "They were more successful than last year's. Everybody in the council worked towards making the competitions successful." A Wintercourse committee made all the preparations and started planning a month in advance.

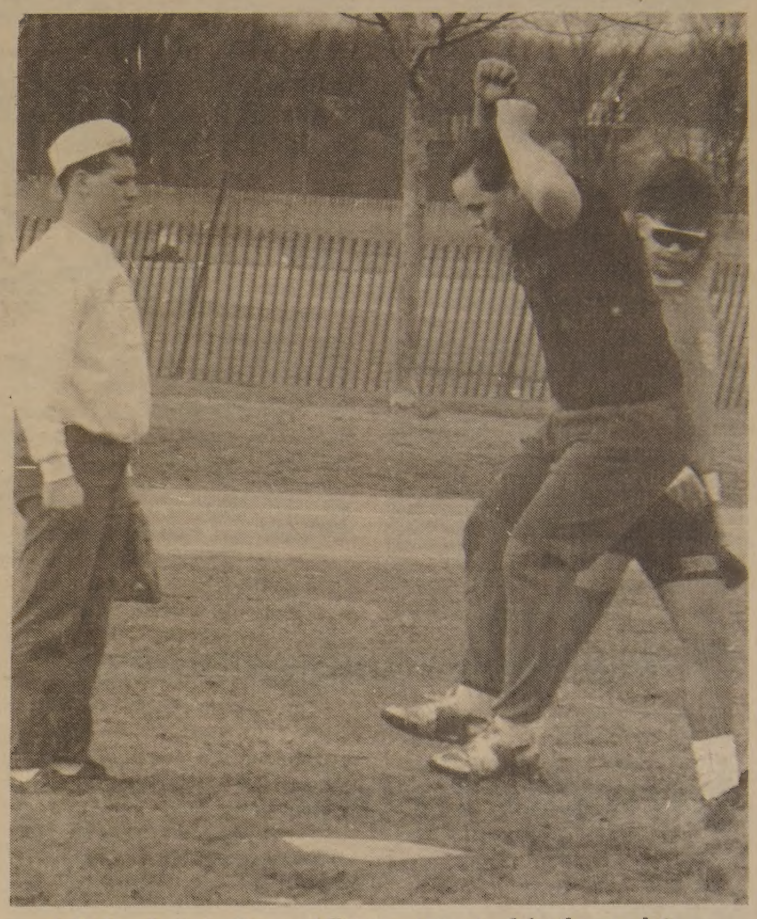
According to Marc, about 150 students took part in last year's competitions, about half the number who took part this year.

Marc said he thinks the competition should be an annual event because they "give students something to do around this time of the year." It was the second annual Wintercourse.

Names of the winners will be posted at the proposed new Student Centre. Marc said he expects more students to take part in the future; the building of the Student Centre will bring students together and will increase participation in SAC and college activities.

Dave Janzen, the winner of wintergolf, got a trophy, jacket and plaque, while second prize went to Jason Hudson, who won a T-shirt and a golf hat. Marc Dekker won six golf balls and a Wintercourse hat for third prize.





Sean Nichols (left-hand photo) slams another one deep into centre field for the LASA "Excessive Force" slo-pitch team in the first round of the Wintercourse slo-pitch tournament Feb. 13. "Excessive Force" was true to their name in this game, trouncing the "SAC and Extra Misfits" team. In the right hand photo, Bruno Albano sets up to drive home plate further into the turf as he scores another run for "Excessive Force." David "Freddie" Mio of the SAC team (left) and Mark Bolton of "Excessive Force"(right) look on — but David looks less than enthused about the way this game is going.

Photo By Virgil Klassen

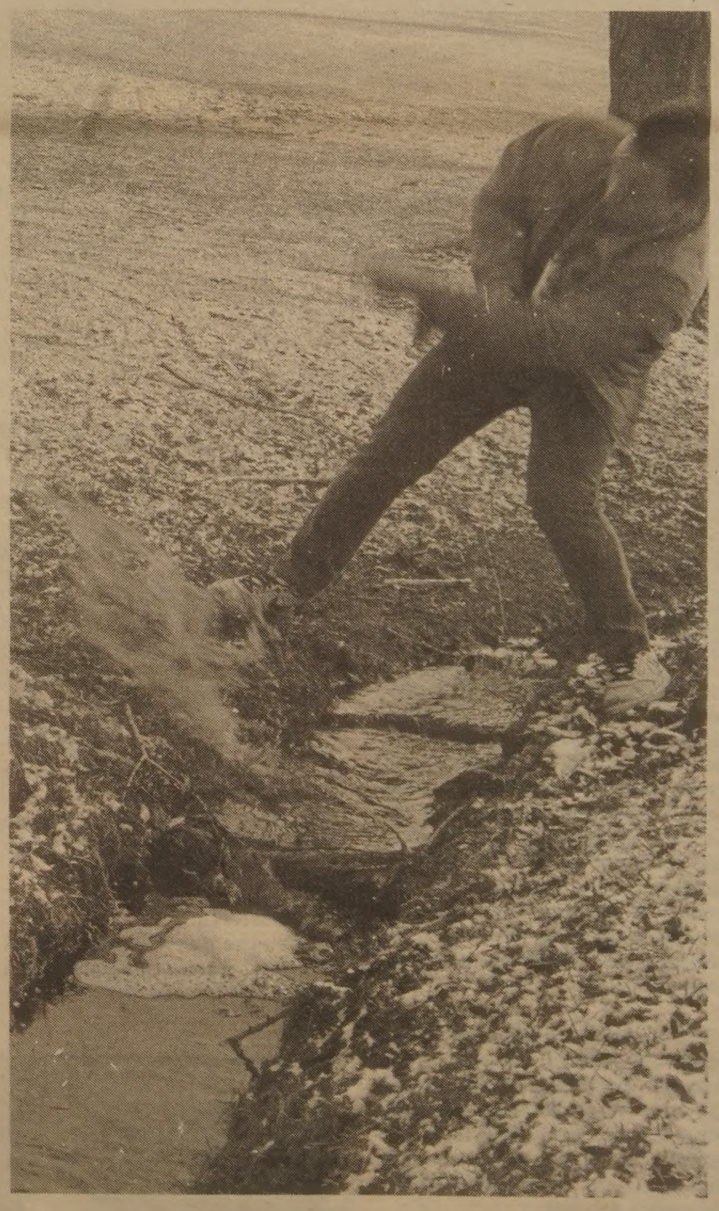
Eat smart, feel smart, good heart

Heart Smart Cooking is teaching people how to prepare healthier food during four Wednesday sessions at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls this "Heart" month.

Heart Smart Cooking teaches people "how to cook with decreased fat, lower the cholesterol and decrease the amount of sodium in the diet and promote healthier eating habits," Kerin Perry, a Heart and Stroke foundation representative and instructor of the program, said. "It's also very delicious."

A gourmet cook book is available from the foundation called the Light Hearted Cook Book, $14.95. The book is used in the course.

"Half of deaths in Canada are usually related to coronary failure due to heart disease," Mrs. Perry said.



Keith Lowe, a third year business administration student, won't make par on the first hole during wintergolf at St. Davids Golf Course last week.

Photo by Tony Post

Isn't it time they took down the signs?

Ooops

If the article on Tom McGuinness ("Tom McGuinness receives honors" Niagara News, Feb. 9, 1990,) left the impression that the Corpsuckle Cup, stolen by some of Mr. McGuinness's students in jest, was never returned, the Niagara News wishes to correct it. Mr. McGuinness said the cup was kept in a storage room for some months, but it was returned. The News regrets any embarrassment caused.

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Into the drink

A 10 person life raft self-inflates in about 30 seconds during a marine emergency demonstration at Brock University last Monday. The demonstration was part of the Marine Trade Fair and Career Awareness Seminar, co-sponsored by the Niagara Industrial Training Advisory Corporation to raise awareness about viable career alternatives. Students and teachers from area high schools attended the fair to learn about post-secondary options other than college or university. Industry spokesmen warn of a critical shortage of skilled trades people within three to five years. Students got to participate by jumping off the diving platform into the raft much like sailors do when they must abandon ship.

Photo by Tony Post

Underlying concern

Many high school students reject skilled trade apprenticeships

If trends continue there will be a critical shortage of skilled trades people in Canada within three to five years. This was the underlying concern for the Marine Trade Fair and Career Awareness Seminar at Brock University last Monday.

The problem, according to a survey conducted by Dr. John Walsh of The University of Guelph, is that the vast majority of students in high school do not want to go into an apprenticeship for skilled trades.

But the root of the problem lies with industry itself, Fred Pitre, president of Canada Steamship Lines, said. "We haven't done very much to promote ourselves."

Dr. Walsh agreed. His survey showed that the majority of trades people find their work interesting.

"Let them say so," he said. "Nobody sells to a welder like another welder."

Dr. Walsh does not see advice from teachers being helpful in this area. There is a problem with a teacher telling a student that welding is a good job. The student is apt to ask why the teacher is not a welder, he said.

SPOKE TO GROUP

Dr. Walsh and Mr. Pitre spoke to teachers and guidance counsellors from area high schools. The teachers present admitted their schools do not have a lot of information on skilled trades, but their students are not asking either.

Dr. Walsh's survey showed that 70 per cent of students in high school have ambitions to go to college or university. In fact, only 30 per cent do. Even so, it's too many. "We can't handle the number of people that are applying," William Matheson, vice-president of academics at Brock, said.

Fewer than 10 per cent of students enter into skilled trades, a number that worries some.

Mr. Pitre said there is already a shortage of people at his company. To solve this problem they plan to train people from India to eventually take jobs on CSL's ships in Canada.

"I'd rather be paying Canadians, but they're not applying," he said.

MAJOR PROBLEM

He is not the only one who sees a problem. Eighty-two per cent of employers said the skilled trade shortage is a major problem that won't be solved in the next five years, the survey said.

Changing social values seem to be a major contributor to the problem. Not too long ago everyone wanted to be a mechanic. But today these positions do not command as much respect as they once did, Dr. Walsh said.

The survey, which questioned 4,000 young people across Canada, as well as parents, employers, and skilled trades people, has some disturbing information. Of the students surveyed, 80 per cent thought: there was a great demand for skilled trades people, skilled trades jobs are important to industry, these jobs pay well, and women are just as capable of doing them as men. But when asked if they would go into an apprenticeship, fewer than 20 per cent said yes, and even fewer actually did.

Parents gave the same answers to the questions as their children. Another worrisome statistic since the survey shows that parents were one of the most influential groups, far ahead of schools and the media, in determining their children's futures.

Skilled trades people deserve just as much respect as white collar workers. "Trade areas are becoming increasingly more skilled," Dr. Walsh said. "In the 90s mechanics are going to be fixing cars with several on-board computers. This requires a great deal of knowledge.

SAC members register for leadership course

The Student Administrative Council members were told Tuesday they should all register for a leadership course.

Brigitte Chiki, SAC faculty adviser, said the course will look good on their transcripts. The leadership course is part of their duties as council members. The course has three credits. SAC members were told that they should attend meetings and write full executive reports.

Members have to evaluate each other and that is worth about 15 per cent of their final mark.

GOOD SKILLS

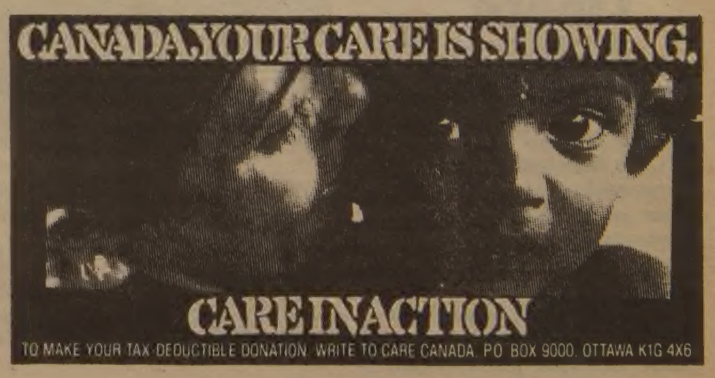
After the meeting, Mrs. Chiki said SAC members should learn proper conduct as part of their leadership course. They will be marked on how well they organize activities and how they co-operate with each other. They should possess good communication skills, both oral and written.

Members have to submit a business report to determine if they have a good knowledge of budgeting and financial matters relating to co-operatives.

They will be marked on their creativity and interaction with college staff and other students

Taking turns at chairing meetings is part of the leadership course.

Mrs. Chiki said she has been working with SAC for two or three weeks "so far they are doing well."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Sports

Big Blue Machine falters, streaks end at Penn State

By JOHN BLACKWELL
Staff Writer

The Niagara Knights had two streaks come to an end Saturday night at Penn State as they encountered the first difficulties of their 1989-90 ICHL schedule.

The Knights travelled to Penn State Friday for two games against the Nittany Lion, after clinched the league championship against Conestoga College the previous Wednesday. In the process, the Knights had extended their winning streak to 12 games.

Niagara and the Nittany Lions started a marathon battle Friday night that didn't end until Saturday morning with the teams deadlocked 4-4 and the Knights' winning streak, which they had been building on since a victory over the University of Rochester on Nov.17, finally over.

Things didn't improve when the Knights took the ice the next (same?) afternoon for their rematch with the Lions. The wear and tear of having to play three tough road games in four days, including a day game following a late night battle, finally added up to end the Knights'13- game unbeaten streak that same day.

LOOKED SAFE

The winning streak looked safe during the first game, as the Knights had killed 12 out of 15 short-handed situations, and held a 4-3 lead late in the last period of regulation time when Josh Brandwene's power play goal forced overtime. Although the Knights had many excellent scoring chances in the extra five minutes, they were shut out by the Nittany Lions, had to settle for a 4-4 tie and the end of the first streak of the day.

The Knights had opened up a 2-0 lead after one period on goals by Joe Passero and Chris Gallagher. The Lions came back in the second with two straight goals, the second on the power play to tie the score 2-2. The game was delayed with 1:32 left in the period when Geoff Martha of the Lions collided with Niagara's Jim Darling and an altercation ensued. Chris Mazi and Jim Beattie of the Knights squared off with Martha and James Adams for the evening's main event.

The Knights' Mike Mooridian scored to open the third period on a two-man advantage created, in part, by the penalties assessed as a result of the scuffle in the second. The Lions came back to tie things up at the 12:54 mark before Mike Martineau gave Niagara a 4-3 lead at 13:32.

Things looked good for the Knights especially with the strong play of Jim Darling in the Niagara goal, as the Knights killed a number of short-handed situation in the dying minutes of the game. But the odds finally caught up with the Knights as Brandwene scored third of the game on the Lions' 16th power play opportunity of the night to force overtime.

The Knights had a few good chances to sustain the winning streak in overtime but were unable to convert. At 12:30 Saturday morning the streak ended.

The teams had only 14 hours before they hit the ice for the Saturday rematch. Unfortunately the Knights played as if they'd had only 14 hours since their last game and as if it was also their third game in four days, which of course, it was.

Saturday afternoon Niagara resembled a team which had missed their wake-up call.

The Lions opened scoring on a power-play goal by John Ioia at 5:06 of the first period. Brandwene then added two more all in the space of under three minutes to put the Knights down 3-0.

The Knights gave up one more goal with 4:20 left in the opening peiod to put themselves behind the 8 ball by a 4-0 count.

Down by such a large count at the first intermission, the Knights deserve credit for not folding completely. They played even with Penn State in the final two periods, but following their tough schedule, lacked the legs to make up the deficit.

Chris Smith finally put Niagara on the board with a short-handed goal at the 9:48 mark of the second, with assists from Kent Loach and Brian Rome.

HOPES DASHED

Hopes of a comeback were spoiled when Penn State's Andy McLaughlin scored on a power play at 17:04 to restore the four-goal margin.

The Knights narrowed the margin to three on a goal by Mike Martineau, at 4:09 of the third, but that was as close as they would come.

Niagara was unable to take advantage of a number of power play chances in the final frame so the unbeaten streak, which was prolonged by the draw the night before, also came to an end for the Knights.

Notes: Martineau and Rome did good work killing penalties for the Knights on the trip...Dave Mooridian dislocated a shoulder Friday night and had to sit out Saturday...Joe Paterno didn't pick up the tickets left for him compliments of the Knights.

ICHL STANDINGS

	W	L	T	Pts
Niagara	13	3	1	27
Erie C.C.	11	7	0	22
Penn St.	9	5	2	20
Conestoga	9	6	0	18
Buff St.	8	6	1	17
U. of B.	3	11	0	6
U. Roch.	1	14	0	2

Tammy Heavey bumps up the ball on the service reception. In the background Cheryl McVicar covers the play as the Niagara Knights women's volleyball team play at a weekend tournament. The team ended the season with a 0 and 13 record.
Photo by Sheila McBrayne

Women's V-ball winless

SHEILA MCBRAYNE
Staff Writer

"It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game."

The Niagara Knights women's volleyball team can relate to this saying, along with every other sports teams that has suffered the agony of defeat.

The women Knights ended with a consistant streak — a losing streak. To be exact, they finished the season with a 0 and 13 record.

The final season tournament (only the third for Niagara) at Mohawk College in Hamilton added five more losses to Niagara's record of 0 and 8 going into the tournament. Matches were lost to Seneca, Mohawk, George Brown, Cambrian and Canadore.

ALAS, ALAS

Attitudes. Every team is characteristic of an attitude. Some have the "We're good and we know it" disposition or the "We stomped you" pompous attitude and, of course, the apathetic "We can't beat them" frame of mind. A winner's creed initiates the physical ability of all athletes. "The attitude was excellent considering all the strikes against us this season," coach Judy Halaiko said. "The strike killed us; we lost time and players."

Judy plans on changing to a league team instead of the present tournament league. The team would have about one game a week (on a week day) and not play on the weekends in the tournament league; if the team misses one tournament, then they miss five games.

"We'll be starting fresh and new next year, considering we might be in a league instead of tournaments," Judy said. "Half of the games will be home and we might go to a couple of exhibition tournaments.

The women's team was second in the same division last year. "We started with the same skill level as last year and everybody improved individually, but we had different people at different levels so we really couldn't improve as a team," Judy said.

Curling sides fall short in Windsor

Niagara College curling teams have been eliminated from the March 9 OCAA regional curling championships after losing the regional semi-finals over the weekend.

The men's team came fourth after losing 10-3, 8-4 and 11-1 to Mohawk, St. Clair and Fanshawe respectively. The Niagara team consisted of Mike Rice, Ron Ireland, Greg Upshaw and Rob Roman.

The mixed team skipped by Steve Strong beat Mohawk 12-5. The team lost 10-3 in each of two games against Fanshawe and St. Clair. Curling with Steve were Cindy Evans, Chris Gowdy and Laurie Ann Fallis.

Robert Young, curling team manager, said the mixed team's performance was attributed to the loss of a key player — Linda Boryska. Linda suffered a whiplash in a car accident just before the competition.

Fanshawe and Mohawk will represent Western Ontario's men's team at the OCAA curling championships at the Welland Curling club arena on March 9. St. Clair and Fanshawe will represent the mixed teams. Winning teams will represent the province at the Canadian curling championships in British Columbia.

PITCH IN

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Right down their alley

Educational Resources and Special Needs students Bowled for Millions in the Feb. 10 Big Brothers bowling tournament. The five teams entered from ERSN raised $957 in pledges. Shown here presenting Big Brothers representative Greg Whelan with the money are members of the winning team, (left to right) Rita Thomas, Cathy Crichton and Kristine Kreller. Mr. Whelan awarded the students with a certificate acknowledging the support of the ERSN program over the years.

Photo by Jennifer Huggins

Centre will meet target

Niagara College Foundation is expecting by next month to have raised about $160,000 of the $200,000 target for equipment and materials for the hospitality and tourism centre, Foster J. Zanutto, director of marketing and information services, said Wednesday.

To date, the foundation has made $149,650, representing 75 per cent of the target. The foundation has pledges totalling $40,039.

"The money is from many sources; some has come in cash, and some has come in donations of equipment," Mr. Zanutto said.

The board of directors of the Niagara College Foundation, under the chairmanship of Paul Leon, a lawyer, is overseeing the fund-raising campaign for the hospitality and tourism centre in Niagara Falls.

"We've been running the campaign for about 1½ years, and by March, we'll have about 80 per cent of our goal, which will be about $160,000," Mr. Zanutto said.

Mr. Zanutto said the foundation expected to make between $10,000 to $15,000 from The Great Seafood Extravaganza it plans to hold March 9 at the Victoria Park Restaurant, Queen Victoria Park, Niagara Falls.

Tables of eight sell at $75 per person, and tax receipts for $60 will be issued. "It will be staff who are buying tickets, people who are in business buy tables for their clients, and the general public who will come," Mr. Zanutto said.

"If you like seafood, you're not going to find a better meal for the price because it's an unlimited buffet."

Some of the dishes to be served will include whole lobster, oysters, clams, Spanish paella, mussels, shrimp, scallops, crayfish, perch, snow crab, Atlantic salmon, smoked salmon, whitefish, eels and smoked trout. Guests will be treated to a full array of salads, garnishes and fine Niagara wines. Rich Blend will provide entertainment in the evening at 9 p.m.

Mr. Zanutto said inquiries about the Extravaganza may be directed to him at telephone number 384-9760, extension 774.

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SAC donates $500

The Student Administration Council has unanimously decided to donate $500 to the United Way. The money will be given out this week.

SAC president, Jim Acsai, said he is happy to see SAC contributing to charitable organizations. "Any time we contribute to charity is a good contribution."

John Parrett, chairman of the Niagara College United Way campaign committee, said the campaign has already collected over $14,000 towards the goal of $18,000. The campaign occurred during the four-week teachers' strike, and therefore, they were not able to make personal canvasses.

Donations to the United Way go directly to the various agencies, including Boy Scouts, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Canadian Hearing Society, and the Canadian Mental Health Association.

KEEP IT UP

David Mio, vice-president of external affairs, said SAC will continue to increase its donations to charitable organizations in the future. "It is a fair amount of donation," he said.

From Page One

Honor

second tier — the local one — would deal with such things as working conditions and would be determined at each college.

In the last strike, many of the presidents thought they could have got a deal at their own colleges if there had been some form of local bargaining in place, Miss Robarts said. "The system can't afford to have strikes every five years. I have supported local bargaining. It may address more quickly the regional needs."

Sean Conway, the Minister of Colleges and Universities, had agreed with college presidents at a Jan. 22 meeting that something had to be done to improve the collective bargaining process, Miss Robarts said.

A study commissioned by the ministry has recommended the two-tiered approach.

Danbo

"That became a real concern as I developed the script, but then I looked at the reality of it. These things happen."

Danbo Takes Niagara is not as much about the hostage situation as about why Danbo is the way he is. In so many situations like these, people who take hostages seem to be looking for some sort of instant fame, Barry said.

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